Suggestions for nationalisation of rivers

758. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals/suggestions from various quarters that all rivers water should be nationalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The Central Government has been receiving suggestions from public for nationalization of rivers. However, suggestions are not backed by any definite strategy.

Release of water to Tamil Nadu

759. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any request from the Government of Karnataka for convening a meeting of the Cauvery River Authority to review its earlier order for releasing water to Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) During October, 2002, the Chief Minister of Karnataka has requested the Prime Minister for calling the meeting of the Cauvery River Authority to review its earlier order of releasing 9000 cusec of water on a weekly average basis to Tamil Nadu.

(b) The meeting of Cauvery River Authority has been convened on 29.11.2002.

Privatisation of river water

760. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that river water in some parts of the country have been privatized;